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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING
of the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
and the
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 7, 2008

1. Call to order.

The 333rd joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Ron Schafer at 7:34 p.m. on July 7, 2008 at the Temescal Canyon Conference and Retreat Center, Stewart Hall, 15601 Sunset Boulevard, Pacific Palisades, California.

The Executive Director administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Sandy Cooney, representing the California Resources Agency.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Elizabeth A. Cheadle, Sandy Cooney, Jerome C. Daniel, Linda Parks, Woody Smeck, Sara Wan, Elva Yañez, Antonio Gonzalez, Vice Chairperson, and Ronald Schafer, Chairperson. Quorum present. The following member was absent: Jim Berkus.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Michael Blanton, David Brown, Alan Kishbaugh, Holly Larue, Mary Sue Maurer, Linda Palmer, Barry Read, Paul Rockenstein, Wendy-Sue Rosen, Marc Stirdivant, Garen Yegparian, George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Donald Robinson, Chairperson. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Caroline Brown, Michael Cacciotti, Richard Gould, Marc Johnson, Lawren Markle, Roseann Mikos, Dennis Seider, and Timothy Wendler. The following member was present subsequent to roll call: Anita Fromholz.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Juliet Chung, Contracts and Fiscal Officer, Government Programs, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chair announced that the following legislative participants were present: Sharon Mayer, Laura Plotkin, and Louise Rishoff.

5. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Mr. Robinson.

6. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.

The following person addressed the Conservancy:

Lesley Muñoz, representing Anahuak Youth Sports Association, on item 7.
Sergio Aguilar, representing Anahuak Youth Sports Association, on item 7.
Jim Horowitz, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.
Jose Aguilar, representing Anahuak Youth Sports Association, on item 7.
Lucely Villalobos, representing Anahuak Youth Sports Association, on item 7.
Miguel Luna, representing Anahuak Youth Sports Association, on item 7.
David Lasx, member of the public, on item 7.
Rabbi Zushe Cunin, representing Chabad of Pacific Palisades, on item 7.
Rabbi Boruch Cunin, representing Chabad of Pacific Palisades, on item 7.
Ben Reznik, representing Chabad of Pacific Palisades, on item 7.
Lev Moros, representing Chabad of Pacific Palisades, on item 7.
Lyle Weisman, member of the public, on item 7.
Will Bernstein, member of the public, on item 7.
David Behrend, member of the public, on item 7.
Randy Young, member of the public, on item 7.
Dr. David Sternlight, Ph.D., representing Chabad of Pacific Palisades, on item 7.
Robert Garcia, representing The City Project, on item 7.
Bartola Garcia, representing Anahuak Youth Sports Association, on item 7.
Henry Ortiz, representing the Los Angeles Unified School District, on item 7.
Frank P. Angel, representing Friends of Temescal, on item 7.
Donald Strauss, member of the public, on item 7.
Dwain Wilson, representing Wildwoods Foundation, on item 7.

Hon. Max Salter, member of the public, on item 7.
Peter Rothenberg, representing the Westhills Homeowners Association, on matters not on the agenda.
Tom Freeman, representing Canyon Back Alliance, on item 7.
Barbara Leibovic, representing Chabad of Pacific Palisades, on item 7.
Zhila Ross, member of the public, on item 7.
Michael Kohn, member of the public, on item 7.
Mark Karlan, representing Chabad of Pacific Palisades, on item 7.

7. Consideration of resolution granting appeal of Chabad of Pacific Palisades, Inc. (Palisades Jewish Early Childhood Center) from decision of the Executive Director denying lease extension pursuant to Resolution No. 07-35, Temescal Gateway Park, Pacific Palisades.

The Staff Report was presented by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Ms. Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer of Education and Interpretation for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and Mr. Wil Niever, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

The Chair announced that the Conservancy and Advisory Committee would discuss this item contemporaneously.

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh of the Advisory Committee, and Mr. Daniel of the Conservancy, both duly seconded, item number 7 was opened for discussion.

Comments were made by Ms. Wan.

Comments were made by Messrs. Brown and Read.

Comments were made by Ms. Maurer, Ms. Fromholz, Ms. Yañez, and Ms. Cheadle.

Comments were made by Messrs. Rockenstein and Yegparian.

Comments were made by the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Cooney.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

The motion to recommend adoption of Item 7 unanimously failed.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll call vote was administered.

Ms. Cheadle was noted as voting against adoption.
Mr. Cooney was noted as voting for adoption.
Mr. Daniel was noted as voting against adoption.
Ms. Parks was noted as voting against adoption.
Mr. Smeck was noted as voting against adoption.
Ms. Wan was noted as voting against adoption.
Ms. Yañez was noted as voting against adoption.
Mr. Gonzales, was noted as voting against adoption.
The Chair was noted as voting against adoption.

The motion to adopted Item 7 failed.

8. Consideration of resolution adopting project description for Palisades Jewish Early Childhood Center, Temescal Gateway Park, Pacific Palisades.

This item was removed from the agenda.

9. Consideration of resolution delegating to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority responsibility for preparation of environmental documentation pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act, Palisades Jewish Early Childhood Center, Temescal Gateway Park, Pacific Palisades.

This item was removed from the agenda.

10. Consideration of resolution adopting reimbursement policy for preparation of environmental documentation, Palisades Jewish Early Childhood Center, Temescal Gateway Park, Pacific Palisades.

This item was removed from the agenda.

11. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on August 25, 2008.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

RONALD P. SCHAFER
Chairperson